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## **BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

### **Minutes of the Regular Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Tuesday, November 20, 2007**

The regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Tuesday, November 20, 2007, at 3:00 p.m., at the Police Headquarters, 1300 Beaubien, Room 328-A, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

##### **Board Members Present**

Erminia Ramirez  
Jim Holley  
Mohamed Okdie **(ABS)**  
Willie Hampton  
Arthur Blackwell II **(ABS)**

##### **Department Personnel Present**

Cmdr. Frederick McClure  
Lt. Doris Towns  
Lt. Joseph White  
Sgt. Deanna Wilson  
Sgt. Pride Henry  
Sgt. Romel Alexander  
Sgt. Dwight Snodgrass  
PO Sophia Nelms

##### **Board Staff Present**

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director  
Lawana Ducker, Personnel Director  
Denise R. Hooks, Attorney/Supervising Investigator  
Arnold Sheard, Chief Investigator **(ABS)**  
Ainsley Cromwell, Supervising Investigator  
PO Kent Cooper

## **OTHERS**

Ron Scott

## **RECORDERS**

Terence Bell  
Robert Brown

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Chairperson Ramirez** called the regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 3:15 p.m.

**Chairperson Ramirez** acknowledged the presence of the staff.

### **2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

- Tuesday, November 20, 2007

**MOTION:** **Comm. Holley** made the motion to approve the Agenda.

**SECOND:** **Comm. Hampton** seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Thursday, November 1, 2007

**MOTION:** **Comm. Holley** made the motion to approve the Minutes.

**SECOND:** **Comm. Hampton** seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

- Thursday, November 8, 2007

**MOTION:** **Comm. Holley** made the motion to approve the Minutes.

**SECOND:** **Comm. Hampton** seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

- Thursday, November 15, 2007

**MOTION:** **Comm. Holley** made the motion to approve the Minutes.

**SECOND:** **Comm. Hampton** seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

#### **4. BOPC OFFICER'S REPORT**

##### **1. CHAIRPERSON**

**Chairperson Ramirez** stated over the weekend, this Board and staff had a retreat in Saginaw, Michigan, which was conducted by Dr. Paula Duren. The purpose for this retreat was to allow the Board to build their relationship and recommend some ideas to help better serve the citizens of Detroit. They had a chance to view their duties as the oversight body of the police department. A review of the Open Meeting Act, City Charter, roles and responsibilities of the Board, and the Organization structure of staff was part of the agenda. For the record, no policy decisions were made. They brainstormed, exchanged ideas and addressed internal issues such as protocol. Hopefully, they will be able to get together in 3 to 6 months and revisit some of the ideas.

She stated that she didn't want to waste her time talking about the study that listed Detroit as the most dangerous City. She received numerous calls from citizens that wanted to know how a study like this can be given to the public without understanding where the information came from. How can a large urban city be compared to much smaller cities?

**Comm. Holley** stated to **Comm. Ramirez** that she did an excellent job in describing the comparison of the study as did the Chief in her comments.

**Chairperson Ramirez** acknowledged the arrival of **Comm. Hampton** at 3:21 p.m.

## 2. SECRETARY'S REPORT

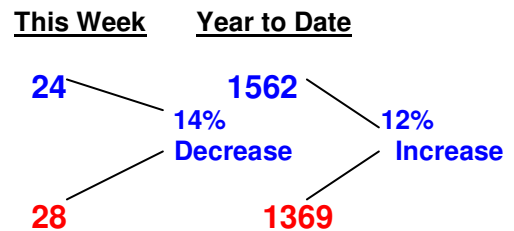
### OFFICE CLOSING

The Board of Police Commissioners' Office and the Office of the Chief Investigator will be **CLOSED** on the following dates:

- Thursday, November 22, 2007, and Friday, November 23, 2007 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

### CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

2007 - Weekly Count of Complaints:



2006 - Weekly Count of Complaints:

- The Office of the Chief Investigator has a total of **1,323** active investigations, of which **1,054** of those are for 2007.

### TOTAL WEEKLY ALLEGATIONS & COMMAND

Total	COMMAND	ALLEGATIONS									Total
CCR	W/E 11/20/07	Bias	Demeanor	Force	Harassment	Entry	Procedure	Property	Search	Service	Allegations
1	CENTRAL									1	1
2	COMMUNICATION		1							1	2
2	EASTERN	1			1		1			2	5
1	HOMICIDE SECTION		1				1				2
4	NORTHEASTERN		1			1	1	1	1		5
3	NORTHWESTERN		3				1			2	6
1	SOUTHWESTERN						1				1
8	Unknown Command		4			1	5			1	11
1	VIOLENT CRIMES		1				1				2
1	WESTERN		1				1				2
24		1	12	0	1	2	12	1	1	7	37

## 5. REPORT/PRESENTATION-CHIEF OF POLICE

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# SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS



"BUILDING A SAFER DETROIT THROUGH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS"

## Detroit Police Department

### Report to the Board of Police Commissioners

*The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take the guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.*

### Narcotics/Gang Enforcement

During the period of November 12, 2007 through November 18, 2007, **Narcotics/Gang Enforcement executed 24 search warrants and 54 street enforcement actions** within the boundaries of the city of Detroit, resulting in the following arrests and confiscations:

- 37 Felony arrests
- 117 Misdemeanor arrests
- 6 Juveniles detained
- 320.70 grams of cocaine, 49.9 grams of heroin, 2,560.10 grams of marijuana and 83 pills, with a total street value:
- \$ 229,170.40
- \$ 33,542.00 in U.S. Currency
- Confiscated:
- 9 Handguns



### Engaging the Community

### Northeastern District

On November 11th, officers of the Northeastern District responded to the area of W. Margaret and I-75 Service Drive, regarding a "Robbery Armed/Citizen." Due to the officers quick response, a subject was arrested and charged with (1) Armed Robbery, (2) Assault with Intent to Murder, (3) Attempted Carjacking, (4) Felon in Possession, (5) Felony Firearm, and (6) Habitual 4th Degree. A rifle was confiscated.



#### ATTENTION

Citizens wishing to make a police report may do so at the Districts in the city of Detroit. Citizens may also utilize the following District Sub-Stations to make reports.

Location	Hours of Operation	Telephone
2151 E. Jefferson	24 Hours	596-6400
7737 Kercheval	8 a.m.-8 p.m.	852-4778
13206 E. Jefferson	8 a.m.-8 p.m.	852-5759
19810 Grand River	8 a.m.-8 p.m.	935-5322
13530 Lesure	8 a.m.-8 p.m.	596-5300
12000 Livernois	24 Hours	237-2555

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#### Special points of interest:

• **Next meeting:**  
 Thursday, November 29, 2007  
 @ 3:00 P.M.  
**Detroit Police Department**  
**1300 Beaubien St Suite 328A**  
**Detroit, Michigan 48226**

## *Police / Community Intervention*

NOVEMBER 20, 2007



### EASTERN DISTRICT

On November 13th, officers of the Eastern District responded to the 5000 block of Manistique regarding a "Enter Without Breaking/Larceny in a Building." Due to the officers quick response, three subjects were arrested and charged with (1) Two Felony Counts: Entering Without Breaking and (2) Larceny in a Building.

### NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT

On November 16th, officers of the Northwestern District responded to the 7000 block of Rosemont regarding "Shots Fired." Subsequent to their investigation, a subject was arrested and charged with (1) Two Counts of Assault with Intent to Murder, (2) Two Counts of Assault with Intent to do Great Bodily Harm, (3) Two Counts of Felonious Assault, and (4) One Count of Felony Firearm.



### CENTRAL DISTRICT

On November 17th, in the 200 block of Riverfront Drive, officers responded to a "Prowler" inside the location. As a result of the officers investigation, a subject was arrested and charged with Entering Without Owner's Permission.

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

On November 13th, a subject was investigated by officers of the Western District who arrested the subject for "Domestic Violence." As a result of the investigation conducted by members of Domestic Violence, the subject was charged with (1) Felonious Assault and (2) Domestic Violence.



**Cmdr. McClure** (who sat in for the Chief of Police) introduced Lt. Towns of Domestic Violence.

**Lt. Towns** introduced Sgt. Wilson who gave an overview on the Domestic Violence Stalking Kit Grant.

**Comm. Hampton** asked what the comparison of the 2007 domestic violence numbers were to the 2006 numbers.

**Sgt. Wilson** stated they don't have those numbers right now, but they do have hundreds of stalking cases every year.

**Chairperson Ramirez** asked why are you tracking it.

**Sgt. Wilson** stated to see the prosecution rate, and the way they can see if it is being effective.

**Chairperson Ramirez** stated she is glad to see that there is a tracking system in place.

**Sgt. Wilson** stated if the program is effective, they will seek additional funding.

**Chairperson Ramirez** stated in tracking the cases through prosecution, you will be learning from it as well.

**Sgt. Wilson** stated absolutely.

**Chairperson Ramirez** asked what the flashlights will be used for.

**Sgt. Wilson** stated for safety at night or if the perpetrator cut the wires to the lights.

**Chairperson Ramirez** asked when will the kit be given to the victim.

**Sgt. Wilson** stated they will be given to the victims of the most serious cases and they will be immediately assigned a kit. She stated not every case will receive a stalking kit.

**Cmdr. McClure** asked is there a process in place if any of the items in the kit come up missing, or will the \$2,000 only cover the initial kits.

**Sgt. Wilson** stated it will only cover the initial kits, but hopefully the resources from the community will allow them to have extras.

**Cmdr. McClure** asked what percent of your domestic violence cases is stalking.

**Sgt. Wilson** stated about 8%.

**Cmdr. McClure** asked how much is your total caseload.

**Sgt. Wilson** stated almost 13,000.

**Comm. Holley** stated 13,000 stalking cases.

**Sgt. Wilson** stated no, that was 13,000 domestic violence cases that the unit handled.

**Chairperson Ramirez** stated stalking and domestic violence goes hand in hand.

**Sgt. Wilson** stated yes.

**Chairperson Ramirez** asked how is the severity of the stalking cases determined.

**Sgt. Wilson** stated they do an "in-the-office" assessment.

**Comm. Hampton** asked is there any outreach programs for the community.

**Sgt. Wilson** stated yes, they are done all the time.

**Chairperson Ramirez** asked can the victim get a Personal Protection Order (PPO) through domestic violence.

**Sgt. Wilson** stated they have a victim's advocate that works out of their office.

**Comm. Holley** asked how many people are there in domestic violence.

**Sgt. Wilson** stated five sergeants, three investigators and fifteen police officers.

**Comm. Holley** stated these officers are only assigned to domestic violence.

**Sgt. Wilson** stated yes.

**Comm. Holley** asked how helpful is it to have a prosecutor in-house.

**Sgt. Wilson** stated it is imperative that they have an on-site prosecutor.

**Comm. Holley** stated it was mentioned a couple of weeks ago that a prosecutor was at risk regarding a grant. Is that connected to domestic violence?

**Sgt. Wilson** stated that was funding that was lost through another grant.

**Comm. Holley** asked what the relationship was between your on-site prosecutor and the prosecutor's office.



**Sgt. Wilson** stated they work for the Wayne County Prosecutor's office.

**Comm. Holley** stated they work for them, but they are housed at your location.

**Sgt. Wilson** stated that's correct.

**Comm. Holley** asked does this expedite the paperwork.

**Sgt. Wilson** stated absolutely, and it allows the officers to have collaboration with the prosecutor.

**Cmdr. McClure** asked how many prosecutors' are on-site.

**Sgt. Wilson** stated they have one.

**Cmdr. McClure** stated that is through a grant.

**Sgt. Wilson** stated correct.

**Cmdr. McClure** asked will you be applying for another grant for a prosecutor.

**Sgt. Wilson** stated yes and they are pursuing additional funds through grants.

**Comm. Holley** asked was \$2,000 all you could get.

**Sgt. Wilson** stated that was the maximum that the grant offered.

**Comm. Holley** stated Wayne County Mental Health has a budget of about \$500 million dollars.

**Sgt. Wilson** stated that was the maximum, and she is working on additional money.

**Comm. Holley** stated there is a member from this Board that sits on the Mental Health Board and you should speak with him.

**Sgt. Wilson** stated okay.

**Comm. Holley** stated if he was being stalked he needs to carry all of the items in the kit.

**Sgt. Wilson** stated these are resources that are available to a victim.

**Chairperson Ramirez** stated a lot of the complaints that OCI receives states that the officer did not arrest the person. She asked what does an officer have to see to arrest that person.

**Sgt. Wilson** stated that officers need probable cause; it can come from visual, statement or an allegation from the complainant.

**Chairperson Ramirez** stated if both parties are present and there is no visual evidence, can one of them can say that the other threw them down to arrest that person.

**Sgt. Wilson** stated you have probable cause in certain instances, such as fear, any witness, 911 tapes, and the observation of the officers while at the scene.

**Cmdr. McClure** asked to know the protocol for passing out the kits.

**Sgt. Wilson** stated they will take the most violent cases and issue them to those victims on site.

**Cmdr. McClure** stated it is not necessary for the first 100 cases that come in.

**Sgt. Wilson** stated no, the most severe cases.

## 6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no standing committee reports.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

### REQUEST TO ACCEPT THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE STALKING KITS MINI COMMUNITY SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT-MGCHF/07-53-3 FROM THE DETROIT-WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AGENCY FOR THE YEAR OF 2007

The Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency awarded Domestic Violence \$2,000.00 with no cash match, to purchase items for Stalking Kits. These Stalking Kits, which will be provided to victims of domestic violence, will include: a Safety Plan Brochure, cell phone (with capability to contact 911 only), flashlight, personal alarm, whistle and micro-cassette recorder.

The Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency allocated the funds from its Mini Community Supplemental Grant-MGCHF/07-53-3. The allocation is considered supplemental funding to enhance programs and special events for ongoing programs/existing budgets.

If approval is granted to accept this funding, Lieutenant Doris Towns, of Domestic Violence, would serve as the project director. The appropriation number for this grant is 12580.

Upon your approval, the Detroit City Council will be requested to adopt a resolution supporting the acceptance of these funds.

**MOTION:**     **Comm. Holley** made the motion to approve the Grant.

**SECOND:**    **Comm. Hampton** seconded the motion.

**VOTE:**        All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

**REQUEST PERMISSION TO ACCEPT AN INCREASE FOR THE SAFE COMMUNITIES: UNDERAGE DRINKING ENFORCEMENT GRANT (FORMERLY, THE ALCOHOL REDUCTION GRANT)**

The Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning (M.O.H.S.P.) awarded the Detroit Police Department the "Safe Communities: Underage Drinking Enforcement" grant in the amount of \$60,850.00, with no cash match. The grant, formerly known as the Youth Alcohol Reduction grant, is currently in the Fiscal Year 2007/2008 Budget for \$17,486.00 (Appropriation # 12342/Cost Center 372183). Fortunately for the Detroit Police Department (DPD), the award was increased by **\$43,364.00.**

In past years, enforcement activity occurred only in the Central District. With the increased funding, enforcement will now be conducted within all six districts. The funding allows for payment of overtime wages of the officers at the districts who are enforcing the underage drinking laws. Additionally, the budget allows for equipment and supply purchases.

The goal of the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning is to eliminate the underage consumption of alcohol at special events, eliminate adults furnishing alcohol to minors, reduce the number of alcohol-related traffic crashes and promote community awareness of problems associated with underage drinking. This program emphasizes education, prevention, and enforcement to discourage minors from consuming and attempting to consume alcohol.

Sergeant Pride Henry, of the Central District, will continue to serve as the Project Director.

The Board's permission is being requested to accept this award increase and seek approval from the City Council.

**MOTION:**     **Comm. Holley** made the motion to approve the Grant.

**SECOND:**    **Comm. Hampton** seconded the motion.

**VOTE:**        All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

**Sgt. Henry** stated this grant has been around for several years. It was dedicated to the Central District but now it is citywide.

**Chairperson Ramirez** asked how has it been working in the Central District.

**Sgt. Henry** stated it's been working well and because the Central District has the nightlife, youth-drinking has contributed to traffic congestion. The department has a zero tolerance regarding these issues.

**Chairperson Ramirez** stated now that it is citywide, will there be officers going into the liquor establishment.

**Sgt. Henry** stated this grant is very liberal. It can be a zero tolerance or an MCL inspection. It can also be tailored toward the department's needs.

**Chairperson Ramirez** stated this grant should be marketed in the other districts, so that the citizens are aware of it.

**Sgt. Henry** stated they are having training to get it to the community relation officers. He attends a lot of the high schools and colleges to recruit decoys.

**Chairperson Ramirez** stated she was wondering how the decoys were chosen.

**Cmdr. McClure** stated they also receive a signed consent from the parents.

**Sgt. Henry** stated that is mandatory from the State.

**Chairperson Ramirez** stated it is good that the department gets the parent's consent and hope they aren't being sent into heavy traffic areas.

**Sgt. Henry** stated they investigate the location first, and they are always accompanied by at least two police officers.

**Comm. Holley** asked what the drinking age is.

**Sgt. Henry** stated 21 in the State of Michigan.

**Comm. Holley** stated you can have consensual sex at 16 years old, go to the army at 18 years old, and drink at 21 years old.

**Sgt. Henry** stated absolutely.

**Comm. Hampton** stated and you can vote at 18 years of age.

**Chairperson Ramirez** stated she has mixed feelings about the establishment that lets you in at 18 and gives you a bracelet because the drinking age is 21.

**Sgt. Henry** stated by law you can go in at 18 years of age, but you have to be 21 to drink. If the department is doing a zero tolerance, officers are sent into these establishments to check for identification.

**Comm. Hampton** stated in Canada you can drink at 19, and then you decide to come back here.

**Sgt. Henry** stated once you come over here and you are over the legal limit, you still suffer the same consequences and penalties in Michigan. It will be up to that person to prove that they were over there and not the department.

**Chairperson Ramirez** stated they need to keep their receipts if they go to Canada.

**Sgt. Henry** stated yes.

## 8. OLD BUSINESS

### 1. RESOLUTION: William Sledge

**MOTION:** **Comm. Holley** made the motion to approve the Resolution.

**SECOND:** **Comm. Hampton** seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

**Chairperson Ramirez** stated that this Board received the Homeland Security Booklet a couple of weeks ago, and it is very informative.

The other package that they received from Homicide is called the Crime Victim Guide. This is for the homicide victim family and it explains the process to the family. The Board will be adding their pamphlet in the package as well.

**Comm. Holley** asked who the Homeland Packages would be given to.

**Cmdr. McClure** stated the community leaders and the block club presidents.

**Comm. Holley** stated it is for the community.

**Cmdr. McClure** stated yes.

**Comm. Holley** asked if there is police presence around or in the casinos and who pays for that protection. He asked is the department paid by Ford Field to have protection at the Lions' home games.

**Cmdr. McClure** stated currently they are paid by the City, but they are in the process of formulating a plan for fee basis.

The legislation was established for the casinos, officers presence were part of the funded package.

**Comm. Holley** asked is that legislation being looked at as well.

**Cmdr. McClure** stated it has already been paid for.

**9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, November 29, 2007, @ 3:00 p.m.  
Police Headquarters  
1300 Beaubien Rm. 328-A  
Detroit, MI 48226

**10. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE**

There were no oral communications.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**DANTE' L. GOSS**  
Executive Director  
Board of Police Commissioners

**DLG/rb**